

BOB FELLER'S

★ ALL-STARS ★

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Louis Norman (Bobo) Newsom, no modest character in exploiting his pitching feats, this year merely may point to the record as proof that he has staged one of the season's most remarkable comebacks. The air-conditioned right-hander, who will comprise part of the pitching staff of Bob Feller's All-Stars in their extensive tour of the United States, wasn't forced to pop off this year to capture attention.

Bobo, picked up by the Washington Senators after he talked Connie Mack into giving him an unconditional release from the cellar-shackled Philadelphia Athletics, promptly pitched himself into high favor with Washington fans by beating the Chicago White Sox on a two-hitter in his first 1946 appearance in the Capital.

No stranger to Washington fans, Newsom thus returned to the Senators for the fourth time in his colorful career. It was a better-than-even Bobo who came back, too, for it was Newsom who permitted Washington to finish in the first division.

Bobo joined the Senators in June with a three won, five lost record and proceeded to hoist himself to a 14-10 record by mid-September. Of the five games he lost over that span with the Senators, one was a 1-0, 10-inning affair to the St. Louis Browns, another a 2-0 defeat administered by Cleveland's Feller despite a two-hitter by Newsom, another a 3-2, 12-inning loss to the Detroit Tigers, and still another, a 2-1, 12-inning defeat by Chicago. Had he won those games, Newsom would have enjoyed a 12-game winning streak.

Newsom may have talked himself out of another victory, since he was leading, 3-2, in the seventh inning in a game at Cleveland when an umpire objected to Bobo's scorching remarks and requested him to leave the premises. That game subsequently was lost by another Washington pitcher.

Bobo enjoyed his most successful season since 1940, when he won 21 games and lost only five in pitching the Tigers to the pennant, and at an admitted age of 37 still ranks as one of baseball's better pitchers.

He hasn't changed much over the years. He still is happiest when chatting to sports writers and having his picture snapped. He claims he's going to remain with Washington for the rest of his career. It's about time he settled down, too, for Bobo otherwise has played with Raleigh, N.C., Greenville, N.C., Wilmington, N.C., Macon, Ga., Brooklyn, Jersey City, Little Rock, Chicago, Albany, Los Angeles, St. Louis, Boston, Detroit and Philadelphia.

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